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Christmas tree permits on sale

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – Permits for cutting Christmas trees on Bureau of Land Management lands within designated areas of the Grand Junction Field Office are now on sale.

Permits are \$10 per tree and may be purchased at the Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Permits are also available seven days a week at the Glade Park Store, (intersection of DS and 16.5 Rd).

Pinyon pine and junipers are the only types of trees that may be cut. More than one permit may be purchased at a time for family and friends, but the trees are for personal use and may not be resold.

All areas designated for cutting Christmas trees are within an hour's drive of Grand Junction, depending on weather and road conditions. There are three areas for cutting near Glade Park. One cutting area is adjacent to Colorado National Monument, another in Tom's Canyon and a third on 8.4 Road. Christmas tree cutting is also allowed in John Brown Canyon near Gateway and Farmers Canyon on the Uncompahgre Plateau adjacent to the national forest. Be sure to bring along a hand saw, rope or twine, extra food, water and blankets.

The BLM recommends you share your off-road plans with someone whenever you venture deep onto your public lands in the winter. Driving conditions may change drastically during freeze thaw cycles and conditions often improve after roads freeze again.

Directions, a map and a list of rules will be provided with the permit. Maps can also be found at the BLM Grand Junction Field Office website. All areas will require parking along the road, walking in, and carrying out the tree. Cross country motorized travel to retrieve a tree is not permitted.

Many of the areas will have limited vehicle access depending on snow depths. Weather and road conditions can change quickly. Four-wheel drive vehicles equipped with tire chains, a shovel and emergency supplies are recommended for all cutting areas.

For more information, call the BLM information desk 970 244-3000.

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